

# **Exhibit A**

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**Subject:** Re: Conferring

Good afternoon. We do not have any objections to your client filing an amicus brief at the appropriate time (I think it would be somewhat premature at the moment). However, I think most of the rest of what you suggest goes significantly beyond the traditional role of an amicus in a lawsuit, and therefore we cannot agree to any of that.

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On Oct 18, 2021, at 9:09 PM, ataylor@andytaylorlaw.com wrote:

As a courtesy, I would like to be copied by the lawyers on filings, discovery requests and responses (whether filed or not), non-privileged email communications, and be made aware of hearings, etc., rather than having to constantly monitor Pacer. I would not be empowered to do anything except read the material and simply be informed of what's going on. If the Court will permit, I would like to be permitted to dial-in to any hearings or status conferences that are to be conducted by phone. Obviously, if the hearing or status conferences are in the courtroom, I would like to attend just like any other member of the public. I would also like to watch the proceedings, as well as attend depositions. But I will not have the right to say anything, file anything, object to anything, or be heard on anything. Eventually I would intend to file a brief on whether the Plaintiff's demonstrative map is required by the VRA, as well as why the current system of election is legal and proper. Thanks. AT

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Andy:

I will need to discuss this with my clients, but let me ask you this: when you say “appear and participate as an amicus,” what are you envisioning your client’s role to be? Other than filing an amicus brief during the (presumably) MSJ phase, are you thinking her role would be more extensive than that?

Chris

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All, we are planning on asking the Court to grant us permission to appear and participate as an amicus. Would you please let me know if you opposed or not? Thanks. AT

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